

APPROVED MINUTES

Advisory Board of Health

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

6:00 PM

Public Health Building
1900 West Old Shakopee Road

Present:

Members:

David Drummond, Corinne Ellingham, Joshua Korthouse, Nick Kelley, Joe Lawless, Cindy McKenzie, Sharon Mills

Staff:

Jeff Lanenberg, Division Manager and Emergency Manager
Joel Nelson, Emergency Preparedness Specialist
Denis Otterness, Deputy Police Chief and Deputy Emergency Manager
Linda Riski-Lundeen, Office Supervisor
Ulle Seal, Fire Chief and Emergency Manager
Karen Stanley, Disease Prevention/Clinic Services Manager
Nancy Tadros, Minutes Secretary

Absent:

None

Call to Order

Drummond, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Oaths of Office

Riski-Lundeen issued the Oath of Office to new Board Member Ellingham. Her term will expire on December 31, 2016.

Approval of Minutes

M/Korthouse, S/Mills, and all voting aye to approve the meeting minutes of February 24, 2015.

Approval of Agenda

M/Kelley, S/Lawless, and all voting aye to approve the April 28, 2015 meeting agenda.

STAFF REPORTS

**Emergency
Preparedness
Reports**

FIRE:

Fire is monitoring drought conditions and risk of wildfire at this time. However, no ban on recreational fires is currently in effect. Fire is also monitoring avian flu. In general, Fire continues to prepare for disasters such as tornados and severe weather. New members of all emergency divisions are being trained in incident management to maintain preparedness. Finally, Fire will be involved in Public Health's training exercise in June.

POLICE:

Police is focused on training, as many new officers have been hired since 2013. Newly-promoted officers will be attending Incident Command training in near future. Training with schools will also take place. In addition, a new, multi-screen scenario simulator has been added to Police's training center. Finally, Police will also be involved in Public Health's June exercise.

ALLINA EMS:

This year's focus has been on Ebola, especially with responses to the airport. The healthcare community has increased their training, including donning and doffing PPE (personal protective equipment). EMS finished the year with 9,630 service calls in the city, with a response time of 6:58. Several new EMS personnel were hired last year and three new vehicle units designed around personnel safety and increased patient safety have been added. Finally, EMS is aware of (at trying to accommodate) the metro-wide behavioral/mental health concerns, knowing that hospitals are too full to accommodate these kinds of calls for service.

PUBLIC HEALTH:

Since Brodsky is no longer at BPH, all public health emergency issues or questions can be directed to Paulsen or Nelson in the interim. The Southwest Regional Recovery Group was

developed in Hennepin County after the North Minneapolis tornadoes last year, allowing community groups to network before disaster strikes. MDH has offered funding to help with recovery focused around outreach and education to the public on various aspects of outbreaks (i.e. quarantine, monitoring, expectations, etc.) The bioterrorist exercise planned for June 25 will test the city's readiness in communication and dispensing medication to first responders. Finally, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) recently trained and set up liaisons with members of the Somali community.

Flu Update

Stanley provided the Board with an update regarding the flu season. The increase in influenza cases started in about mid-November, rather than January. During the 2014-2015 flu season, there were 3,971 flu-related hospitalizations (mostly over age 65) and 10 flu-related pediatric deaths in Minnesota. Finally, 3,860 vaccines were given by BPH this season.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Committee Assignments M/Mills, S/Kelley, and all voting aye to approve the reappointment of McKenzie as this year's Tri-City partners (TCP) representative.

ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH REPORTS AND PLANNING

Chair's Report None.

Health & Wellness Award Based on the Board's discussion, M/Lawless, S/Kelley, and all voting aye to select VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People), as the winner of the 2015 Health and Wellness Award.

VEAP will be recognized at the City Council meeting on June 1st. ABH is welcome to attend, the Chair will introduce the award, and the Mayor will present it. A small reception will precede the meeting.

Tri-City Partners Report

McKenzie gave an update on the April meeting, which included advocacy for adding another Healthy Living Hub; SHIP ending 10/31/15, with next SHIP Grant coming out in June; TCP funding three projects (Somali girls'/women's swimming project, Parks & Recreation assessment, and Bloomington hosting "moving the Twin Cities towards better health" in May); and a presentation on preserving mental health and wellbeing.

TCP meets every other month. Next meeting is in June (with July/Aug off).

Public Health Pearl of the Month

Korthouse discussed the benefits of organ and tissue donation as this month's contribution.

Kelley will present May's POTM.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Updates BPH is looking to fill two vacant public health nurse positions, one health planner position, and one assistant administrator/emergency preparedness manager position.

Public Health Week, April 6 - 12

Council presented a Proclamation for National Public Health Week. BPH put together some display boards to illustrate the past and future of public health and articles were published locally. The week ended with a BPH staff appreciation meeting and luncheon, attended by City Manager Jamie Verbrugge and Community Services Director Diann Kirby.

Next Meeting

May 26, 2015, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Public Health Building, 1900 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431

Adjournment

M/Kelley, S/McKenzie, and all voting aye to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m